

Holidaying where Christians are persecuted—Morocco

There are around 37.5 million people in Morocco, but only around 31,400 Christians – less than 0.1% of the population. It is illegal in Morocco to ‘shake the faith of a Muslim’. This law puts many Christians, both Moroccan and foreign, who talk to others about their faith at risk of arrest and criminal prosecution. Christians’ rights advocates have also been targeted by the Moroccan government for their activities and threatened with violent attacks by Islamic extremists. While the law only punishes proselytising, Moroccan converts to Christianity can be pressured in other ways, such as losing inheritance rights and custody of their children. Women who become Christians are vulnerable to divorce, house arrest, forced marriage to a non-Christian or expulsion from their homes.

Anybody who converts to Christianity from a Muslim background must keep their faith a secret. Nadeen* is terrified that her father will find out. When she became a Christian after hearing about Jesus, she was open with her family – who were furious. Her father beat her. And so she has to pretend that she is still a Muslim, despite following and loving Jesus.

“Thank God, I found a way to meet with some other Christians on another day in the week. We organised that in a way that my family doesn’t get suspicious,” says Nadeen.

Christians who do manage to gather must do so in house churches, as they can’t get permission to meet publicly, and expatriate churches are monitored to make sure Moroccans don’t attend. Expatriates who are accused of sharing their faith can be deported.

*Name changed for security reasons

Please pray:

Father God, sustain our persecuted church family in Morocco and reveal to them other Christians they can speak to about You. Comfort believers who have lost so much – like custody of their children, or even their freedom – because they have chosen to follow you. Give Open Doors partners discernment and courage as they work to lift the hearts of secret believers and meet their needs. Amen.

Source: www.opendoorsuk.org Open Doors World Watch List



Bourne Foodbank

THESE ITEMS ARE CURRENTLY WANTED

Tinned meat	Tinned custard	Tinned rice pudding
Tinned vegetables	Jars of pasta sauce	packets of plain rice
Squash or fruit juice	Tinned potatoes	Instant mash
Shaving gel	Toothbrushes	

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Second Sunday after Trinity

Psalm 16 - Song of Trust and Security in God

A Miktam of David.

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the Lord, ‘You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.’

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;

their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out

or take their names upon my lips.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;

my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.



Readings for this Sunday

1 Kings 19.15-16,19-21; Galatians 5.1,13-25; Luke 9.51-62



Collect and Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ’s sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please pray for...

From our prayer list

Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Josh Elliott, Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Nora Green, Ann Hall, Clive Hall, Arthur Jeffries, June Langley, Judy Long, Imogen Matthews, Neil Morgan, Richard Rice-Oxley, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Jose Stokes, John Weatherspoon, and for any others whom we name in the silence of our hearts.

We give thanks for those on the road to recovery.

We also remember Ed Cunningham, Albert Edwards, Annie Hersey, Maxine Jessop, and the souls of all the faithful departed may they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we also pray for those who mourn their loss.

Weddings: Nicholas O'Riordan and Jill Roy (25 June); Thomas Nott and Abigail Key (2 July, Morton)

Events in the group

30 June 7.30pm - Group Council meeting, Rippingale.

Churchwardens plus another church representative and all ALMs

3 July, 3pm - Pet Service, Morton

Bring your pet (real, cuddly toy, photo) to this family friendly service. As always this will be a joyful service with activities for the children, and tea/coffee etc afterwards.

9 July, from 10am - Morton Summer Fete

10 July, 11am - Kirkby Underwood Summer Fayre Eucharist

PET BLESSING SERVICE

3pm on SUNDAY 3 JULY

All well behaved pets welcome.

(or a picture if you can't bring them or don't have one)

Stay for a chat, drink, cake

This is an all age service - for the young and the young at heart

Coffee morning in Morton Church

Wednesday at 10:45am

Specially to welcome our Ukrainian Guests.

ALL WELCOME!!

Ранкова кава в церкві Morton Середа о 10:45 Особливо

вітати наших українських гостей.

ВСІХ ВІТАЄМО!!

Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

26 June	11am	Eucharist	Rippingale
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Kirkby Underwood
3 July	11am	Eucharist	Haconby
	3pm	Pet Service	Morton
10 July	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Rippingale
17 July	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Haconby
24 July	11am	Eucharist	Rippingale
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Kirkby Underwood
Each morning	9 am	Morning Prayer/Eucharist	see below

Monday: Morton, Tuesday: Dunsby; **Wednesday: 10am, Eucharist, Morton;** Thursday: Haconby; Friday: Rippingale; Saturday: Kirkby Underwood

Do you know anyone who is unable to get to church but who would like to receive Holy Communion? Just contact Revd Neil on 01778 219626 or revdneil@yahoo.com

Have you come to church and forgotten to bring cash for the collection?

Fortunately this need not be a problem if the service is at Haconby, Kirkby Underwood, Morton or Rippingale as they all have online giving pages.

How do I access these pages?

- Use your phone and go to the group website, www.ringstonegroupchurches.org
- Go to the dark blue box on the home page and select the name of the church
- Follow the instructions online and select one of the set amounts, or choose your own amount
- Enter your card details (you may have these already saved on your phone)
- ALL DONE

If this seems too tricky, you can always make a payment from your PC, laptop or tablet when you get home.

EVEN EASIER Morton now has a card reader, so you can donate to the collection using your card or payment app on your phone.

If you already use the online giving pages, thank you for your generosity, and please spread the word as to how easy it is now to give to your church.

Please send items for the news sheet to Sue via email by the **Thursday** of each week

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